

From: Hawkisa@aol.com
To: Commissioner Adelstein
Date: Wed, May 7, 2003 10:53 AM
Subject: broadcast ownership rules

dear mr adelstein,
i urge you not to relax the broadcast ownership rules that protect the
american people from our radio & tv news/information being controlled by
large conglomerates

we demand to hear all points of view on important issues concerning our
country & individual freedoms. broadcast ownership protections must be
continued so that the public can fully understand our country's political
issues.

sincerely,
harry lindberg
so burlington, vt. 05403

From: Clayton McMartin
To: Mike Powell, Kathleen Abernathy, Michael Copps, KM KJMWEB, Commissioner Adelstein
Date: Wed, May 7, 2003 10:58 AM
Subject: Comments on Broadcast Ownership Rules

Ms Abernathy and Gentlemen,

I writing today out of concerned that major broadcasters could gain monopoly power, should changes to broadcast ownership rules be implemented. I am urging you to not relax these rules, as they serve an important role in protecting Americans from media monopolies.

Without access to media outlets, many ideas and values will be prevented from being communicated. Specifically, those who's ideas and values are different than the few media giants are the ones who will be muted, and the American public will suffer the consequences. The American people deserve to here more than one point of view on important issues. Therefore, for the sake of our democracy and our freedom, I urge you to continue the broadcast ownership protection that, for decades, have helped ensure a healthy political debate in our country.

Most Sincerely,

Clayton McMartin
9215 N. 134th East Ave
Owasso, OK 74055

From: Martin Green
To: Commissioner Adelstein
Date: Wed, May 7, 2003 11:02 AM
Subject: broadcast ownership rules

Dear Sir

If proposed "broadcast ownership rules" are adopted, independent voices in cities across the United States could be snuffed out by huge media corporations

Whole communities and even whole states and regions could be dominated by one media company which could decide which viewpoints to allow on the air and which to censor, and we CANNOT ALLOW THAT TO HAPPEN.

These big media conglomerates have in the past used their power to keep opposing viewpoints off the air, and these proposed rule changes would give them far greater power to keep opposing views off the air and out of the newspapers.

PLEASE USE YOUR CONSIDERABLE INFLUENCE TO DETERMINE THAT THIS DOES NOT HAPPEN, BY REFUSING TO ALLOW THIS TO BE ADOPTED.

Thank you
Martin M. Green K5OWK
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Deming, N.M. 88030-8017

From: Joan Hill
To: Mike Powell, Kathleen Abernathy, Michael Copps, KM KJMWEB, Commissioner Adelstein
Date: Wed, May 7, 2003 11:14 AM
Subject: Media ownership regulations

Dear Commissioners. My understanding of your role as commissioners is to protect the interests of the public whom you represent. Therefore, you must not amend the regulations on media ownership to allow greater consolidation than already exists! It is quite obvious to all us that the latest rounds of consolidation have already reduced the breadth of view we are entitled to. Allowing consolidation into a few hands is against the ideals of democracy we care so much about, and it takes us further along the road to the control of information which we find unacceptable in other nations. Please fight against further consolidation. Thank you. Joan Hill, Jacksonville Beach, Florida

From: PLCDRC@cs.com
To: Commissioner Adelstein
Date: Wed, May 7, 2003 11:16 AM
Subject: Broadcast Ownership Rules

May 6, 2003

Dear Mr. Adelstein

I urge you not to relax the broadcast ownership rules that protect American citizens from media monopolies

These proposed changes would pave the way for giant media conglomerates to gain near-total control of radio and television news and information in communities across our nation. And many of the corporations that are now lobbying the FCC to relax these ownership rules already have a known track record in attempting to keep opposing viewpoints off the air.

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Sincerely,

Mr. Patrick L. Costello
Williamsburg, VA.
23185-3822

From: Tony Paternostro
To: Mike Powell, Kathleen Abernathy, Michael Copps, KM KJMWEB, Commissioner Adelstein
Date: Wed, May 7, 2003 11:23 AM
Subject: Relaxation of broadcast ownership rules

Dear Sir or Madam:

Do not allow the big media conglomerates to keep opposing viewpoints off the air. Do not allow independent voices in cities across America to be snuffed out by the established liberal elite media. As fair minded Americans we should strive for an unbiased media that shows all sides of an issue, not one that shows their party line only in the attempt to sway public opinion. I have seen the results of this bias in the past where media talking heads try to demonize those with whom they do not agree, instead of allowing fair minded individuals to choose by presenting the facts. Don't allow this bias to be the norm in American media. Please do not relax the broadcast ownership rules. Thank you in advance for considering my opinion.

Colonel Anthony Paternostro
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Darby, MT 59829

From: vf143phantom@juno.com
To: Commissioner Adelstein
Date: Wed, May 7, 2003 11:29 AM
Subject: FCC Broadcast Ownership Rules

Dear Mr. Adelstein,

I strongly urge you to NOT relax the broadcast ownership rules that protect you, me and all other Americans from media monopolies

The American people expect and, yes, deserve to hear all points of view on important issues. The proposed changes would allow media conglomerates to gain near total control of radio and television news and other information throughout our communities. Such control would provide them with an uncontested platform to spin their viewpoints on issues. They could effectively prevent opposition views from being heard.

Therefore, for the sake of our democracy and our freedom, which I spent 31 years helping to protect, I ask you to continue the broadcast ownership protections that have helped ensure healthy political debate in our country.

Sincerely,

William T. Snyder
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From: Joe.Gorski@cityutilities.net
To: Commissioner Adelstein
Date: Wed, May 7, 2003 11:40 AM
Subject: FCC rules

I urge you NOT to relax the broadcast ownership rules that protect American citizens from media monopolies.

From: Irisheyes4400@aol.com
To: Commissioner Adelstein
Date: Wed, May 7, 2003 11:41 AM
Subject: (no subject)

Commissioner Adelstein

I request your support on delaying a vote to modify the laws governing the airwaves until a broad public education campaign has been undertaken & completed. At this time, very few citizens have any knowledge, much less a comprehension of the issues addressed in the impending vote.

Thank you, Molly Brogan

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From: Matuseksprts@aol.com
To: Commissioner Adelstein
Date: Wed, May 7, 2003 11:45 AM
Subject: giant media

I urge you NOT to relax the broadcast ownership rules that protect American Citizens from media monopolies

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The American people deserve to hear more than one point of view on important issues. Therefore, for the sake of our DEMOCRACY and our FREEDOM.

I urge you to continue the BROADCAST ownership protections that, for decades, have helped to ensure a healthy political debate in our COUNTRY.

From: Mark Metzger
To: Mike Powell
Date: Wed, May 7, 2003 11:52 AM
Subject: Broadcast Ownership

Gentlemen

I urge you to 'NOT' relax the broadcast ownership rules that protect American citizens from media monopolies

The American people deserve to hear more than one point of view on important issues. therefore, for the sake of democracy and our freedom, I urge you to continue the broadcast ownership protection that have helped ensure a healthy political debate in our country.

Sincerely

Mark A. Metzger

CC: Kathleen Abernathy, Michael Copps, KM KJMWEB, Commissioner Adelstein

From: John Thomas
To: Commissioner Adelstein
Date: Wed, May 7, 2003 12 04 PM
Subject: broadcast ownership rules

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Sincerely,
Mr. John Thomas
Charlotte, North Carolina 28256-1690

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From: Emily Northrop
To: Mike Powell, Kathleen Abernathy, Michael Copps, KM KJMWEB, Commissioner Adelstein
Date: Wed, May 7, 2003 12:07 PM
Subject: June 2

Dear Commissioners,

I am very concerned about the impending(?) changes in the works at the FCC. Further consolidation in the media is not good for our democracy. We need MORE perspectives and MORE voices to deal with the complexities of world. I believe strongly in "competition," including in the arena of ideas. I fear the monopolization by "big business," again also in the arena of ideas. I think that it is dangerous for the profit motive to have a growing influence over the political reporting and dialogue that our nation depends upon. Please do what you can to insure diverse media ownership. Media conglomerates are not good for us.

Thank you for your attention to this important matter!

Emily Northrop

CC: northroe@southwestern.edu

From: Al Waller
To: Commissioner Adelstein
Date: Wed, May 7, 2003 12:18 PM
Subject: broadcast rules

Dear Mr. Adelstein:

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for the sake of our democracy and our freedom, I urge you to continue the broadcast ownership

protections that, for decades, have helped to ensure a healthy political debate in our country

Sincerely, A. F. Waller

Louisville, KY 40220

From: RomeyR@aol.com
To: Commissioner Adelstein
Date: Wed, May 7, 2003 12:21 PM
Subject: Do NOT relax broadcast ownership rules

Please do NOT relax broadcast ownership rules, for the following reasons:

1. Big media conglomerates have used their positions (in the recent past!) to keep opposing viewpoints off the air. Proposed rule changes would exacerbate this problem and would probably widen it to include newspaper monopoly.
2. The companies that are trying to get these rule changes (e.g. Viacom/CBS and Disney/ABC) are the same firms that have tried to keep opposing messages off the air.
3. Entire communities, regions, even states, might easily become dominated by a single media company which could (and probably would) decide which viewpoints to allow on the air, and which viewpoints to censor.
4. Independent voices in cities across the US could be snuffed out by the few, huge media corporations. This is not freedom.

From: Barrington Electric
To: Commissioner Adelstein
Date: Wed, May 7, 2003 12:28 PM
Subject: Broadcast Ownership Rules

Dear Mr. Adelstein

I urge you not to relax the broadcast ownership rules that protect American citizens from media monopolies.

These proposed changes would pave the way for giant media conglomerates to gain near total control of radio and television news and information in communities across our nation. And many of the corporations that are now lobbying the FCC to relax these ownership rules already have a known track record in attempting to keep opposing viewpoints off the air.

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Sincerely,
Bruce E. Barrington
Harrison, Arkansas 72601

From: LTDSM@aol.com
To: Commissioner Adelstein
Date: Wed, May 7, 2003 12:30 PM
Subject: FCC BROADCAST OWNERSHIP RULES CHANGES

The purpose of this letter is to urge you NOT to relax the rules on broadcast ownership that prevent media monopolies. To relax these rules would mean that independent voices could be snuffed out by giant media corporations

Whole areas could be dominated by one media company which could decide which viewpoints to censor. In the past, big media companies have used their power to keep opposing viewpoints off the air and these proposed rule changes would give giant media companies the power to keep opposing viewpoints off the air.

Many of these giant media companies such as Viacom/CBS and Disney/ABC are precisely the same companies that have tried in the past to keep opposing viewpoints off the air.

Please count me on the side opposing a change in the broadcast ownership rules.

Sincerely,

Dean Miller
Lancaster, PA 17603

From: Brad Jaworski
To: Mike Powell
Date: Wed, May 7, 2003 12:31 PM
Subject: Do Not Relax Rules - Please Protect Us

I urge you not to relax the broadcast ownership rules that protect American citizens from media monopolies

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Brad Jaworski - Talon17@optonline.net
Holbrook, NY

CC: Kathleen Abernathy, Michael Copps, KM KJMWEB, Commissioner Adelstein

From: tina
To: Commissioner Adelstein
Date: Wed, May 7, 2003 12:34 PM
Subject: do not relax the owner broadcast rules

do not relax broadcast ownership rules that prevent media monopolies Sincerely,Robert V.
Chescavage,P.O Box 42 , Hegins,Pa. 17938

From: DEPUTYDOG1038@aol.com
To: Commissioner Adelstein
Date: Wed, May 7, 2003 12:34 PM
Subject: MEDIA MONOPOLIES

I URGE YOU NOT NOT TO RELAX BROADCAST OWNERSHIP RULES THAT PROTECT
AMERICANS FROM MEDIA MONOPOLIES THANK YOU ROBERT HENGELI

From: Carroll, Randy
To: Commissioner Adelstein
Date: Wed, May 7, 2003 12:36 PM
Subject: Opposed To Changes In The Broadcast Ownership Rules

Dear Commissioner Adelstein:

Only the current Broadcast Ownership Rules have prevented a handful of major media conglomerates from completely consolidating the industry and controlling news and other mass communications throughout the country

We should not tamper with Rules that have served us well and which have generally assured us that all voices and viewpoints will get through. It would be dangerous for too much power to reside with just a few companies but that is exactly what will happen if the Broadcast Ownership Rules are relaxed.

Our democracy is in your hands. Please leave the Rules alone.

Thank you for your thoughtful consideration hereof.

//s// Randy Carroll
1010 Wisconsin Avenue, Apt. 650
Washington, DC 20007

From: Robert A. Wells
To: Mike Powell, Kathleen Abernathy, Michael Copps, KM KJMWEB, Commissioner Adelstein
Date: Wed, May 7, 2003 12:37 PM
Subject: More diversity in media ownership

Dear Chairman Powell and Commissioners Abernathy, Copps, Martin, and Adelstein:

I understand that soon the FCC will be addressing the issue of the extent of media ownership. We strongly feel the need for more diversity in ownership of the media, versus further limitations on the numbers of media owners who would be making decisions about what Americans would see and hear. Currently there is an alarming trend in this direction, and the impact is being clearly felt. Programming is becoming all too familiar, with the content often opinionated, skewed, limited, and shallow. We want to see more variety in views and expression -- not less.

We encourage you to examine the potential impact of minimizing the number of owners controlling the content of our airways, preferably by public dialog -- BEFORE making a decision on this critical issue.

Given the times, we hear a lot about the need to support democratic values. We are all aware that freedom of speech and the open exchange of ideas have been core aspects of our national evolution, and our democracy. Please help us to ensure that we do not place this precious trust to the discretion of the few. We need many different citizens to voice their views on our media. The country desperately needs the retention of the smaller local and regional owners and their stations and a robust and ongoing airing of opinions -- political and otherwise. Only in this way will we continue to be what we wish others to become.

Please be assured we will be most interested in the results of your actions. Thank you for your consideration and support.

Respectfully,

Robert A. Wells, Ph D.

U.S.Army (Ret.)

CC: Robert A Wells

From: Elton Wylly
To: Commissioner Adelstein
Date: Wed, May 7, 2003 12:38 PM
Subject: Broadcast Ownership Rules

The Honorable Jonathan S. Adelstein
Commissioner FCC

I urge you to not relax the broadcast ownership rules that protect American citizens from media monopolies.

These proposed changes would pave the way for giant media conglomerates to gain near total control of radio and television news and information in communities across our nation. And many of the corporations that are now lobbying the FCC to relax these ownership rules already have a known track record in attempting to keep opposing viewpoints off the air.

The American people deserve to hear more than one point of view on important issues. Therefore, for the sake of our democracy and our freedom, I urge you to continue the broadcast ownership protections that, for decades, have helped to ensure a healthy political debate in our country. Freedom of speech must certainly include freedom to access of Public Media.

Sincerely,
Elton Wylly
2525 County Road E
Friona, Texas 79035

From: jerry mcnealy
To: Commissioner Adelstein
Date: Wed, May 7, 2003 12 41 PM
Subject: Broadcasting

Dear Mr Adelstein

I urge you to NOT to relax the broadcast ownership rules that protect the American citizens from media monopolies

These proposed changes would pave the way for giant media conglomerates to gain-near total control of radio and television news and information in communities across our nation. And many of the corporations that are now lobbying the FCC to relax these ownership rules already have a known track record in attempting to keep opposing view points off the air.

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Have a Good Day, Jerry

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From: taronis
To: Commissioner Adelstein
Date: Wed, May 7, 2003 12 43 PM
Subject: Broadcast Ownership Rules

The Honorable Jonathan S. Adelstein

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Let's not allow special interest groups to overwhelm the people

Ted Aronis
Groton, MA 01450

From: Fran & Don Pozniak
To: Mike Powell, Kathleen Abernathy, Michael Copps, KM KJMWEB, Commissioner Adelstein
Date: Wed, May 7, 2003 12:47 PM
Subject: Broadcast Ownership Rules

Dear Commissioner

Please do not relax the broadcast ownership rules that protect American citizens from media monopolies. Relaxing these rules would allow near total control of broadcast content to fall into the hands of a select few. Thus, relaxing these rules would fly into the face of the intent of the First Amendment, and effectively put the public domain of the airwaves into private control.

Thank you for your anticipated support in this important matter

Dr. Donald J. Pozniak, P.E.
N4455 1103th St.
Prescott, WI 54021

From: kevin s powers
To: Mike Powell
Date: Wed, May 7, 2003 12:48 PM
Subject: ownership rules

I had heard about this thru the NRA and thought 'how stupid' then thought well if the intention to to stop other points of views from getting across to the American people, what a great way to stop critical thinking! Is CENSORSHIP the goal? What do you think about brain-washing? Do other people opinions matter? Is dictatorship okay? Does the Bill of Rights mean anything to you? Then DO NOT let the bullies step on the smaller companies or step all over the different points of view Please monitor what rules need to stay in place for fairness sake! Don't allow media monopolies to take over or gain further control Promote Project Excile!
I enjoy my freedom of speech & right to keep arms as well as everyone I know.
Thank You Kevin Powers, NM

CC: Kathleen Abernathy, Michael Copps, KM KJMWEB, Commissioner Adelstein

From: Sgro, Ben
To: Mike Powell, Kathleen Abernathy, Michael Copps, KM KJMWEB, Commissioner Adelstein
Date: Wed, May 7, 2003 12:53 PM
Subject: Broadcast Ownership Rules

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Sincerely,

Ben Sgro
Commack, NY 11725

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From: HShenker@aol.com
To: Commissioner Adelstein
Date: Wed, May 7, 2003 1 00 PM
Subject: Easing rules for media owners

Dear Commissioner Adelstein,

There is at present a trend toward concentrating new media in a few large entities. The policies being proposed to increase the number of TV stations a given company can own and lifting the bar on newspapers purchasing TV and radio stations will significantly increase that trend. This limits the healthy expression of diversity opinion which is so essential in a democracy.

We are concerned

Sincerely,

Henry and Shirley Shenker

From: Ward R Spencer
To: Commissioner Adelstein
Date: Wed, May 7, 2003 1:06 PM
Subject: Deregulation of Media Ownership

I am requesting a negative vote on any relaxation of rules regarding Media Ownership.